

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of THIEBLIN et al. )

National Phase of PCT/FR98/01647 )

Filed: Herewith )

Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
PURIFYING WASTE WATER )  
COMPRISING AN ADDITIONAL )  
SLUDGE TREATMENT BY )  
OZONATION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please cancel ~~the abstract~~ and insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as submitted in the appended sheet.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims ~~1-14~~ without prejudice and substitute therefor the following new claims 15-28:

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